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## TITLE OF INVENTION:


Utilization of Water-Soluble Zirconium Compounds as Drying Accelerators in Aqueous Coating Agents

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. 371:

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I hereby certify that on the date indicated above this International application and the documents referred to as enclosed therein, of:

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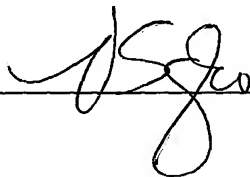
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**Transmittal Letter**  
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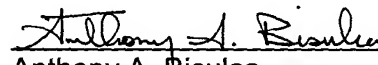
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, an Amendment was filed under Article 34 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty prior to the International Preliminary Examination. Please note that the attached pages 11, 12 and 13 were filed with the European Patent Office on September 19, 2001. We have enclosed the English translations of these pages.

Applicant respectfully requests submission of these pages before examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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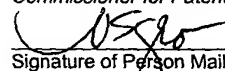
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